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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS FOR MINISTER LECHIN AND SUB-SECRETARY BLANCO

REFS: (A) LA PAZ 6958; (B) LA PAZ 6645

1. MINISTER LECHIN AND MEMBERS OF BOLIVIAN CEPICIES DELEGATION WILL MEET WITH EB BUREAU ASSISTANT SECRETARY JULIUS KATZ AND STAFF SEPTEMBER 23 AT 9:30 A.M. MEETING WILL ENABLE LECHIN TO RECEIVE BRIEFING ON STATUS OF PRINCIPAL US INITIATIVES PRESENTED AT NAIROBI, AS WELL AS ALLOWING BOLIVIANS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT GOB VIEWS ON THESE PROPOSALS. A BRIEF, PROTOCOLARY VISIT WITH ANOTHER RANKING DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WILL BE ARRANGED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. DANIEL SEARBY OF KEARNS INTERNATIONAL (KI) HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST SMALL LUNCHEON MEETING WITH LECHIN

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AND BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR CRESPO FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

TO DISCUSS ONGOING NEGOTIATION OVER FUTURE OF BOLIVIAN POWER. SEARBY MET SEPTEMBER 9 IN CANADA WITH SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL POWER. HENRY KEARNS OF KI NOW PLANS FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH MINISTER CALVO IN MANILA, WHERE BOTH WILL ATTEND IMF MEETING. PRIOR TO FINAL PLANNED

VISIT BY KEARNS, SEARBY AND CANADIAN INT'L POWER TEAM TO

LA PAZ IN LATE OCTOBER TO WRAP UP AN AGREEMENT, SEARBY WISHES TO PROVIDE MINISTER LECHIN WITH FULL BRIEFING ON THE PLANNED ACCORD.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED TREASURY OF SUB-SECRETARY BLANCO'S DESIRE FOR A BRIEFING ON MATTERS RAISED IN REFTEL B. A MEETING IS BEING ARRANGED FOR END OF WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20-24.

4. ACTIONS REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM MINISTER LECHIN OF THESE PLANNED APPOINTMENTS. PLEASE OBTAIN LECHIN'S VIEWS AS TO WHICH, IF ANY, OTHER MEMBERS OF BOLIVIAN DELEGATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN SEPTEMBER 25 LUNCHEON. IT WOULD ALSO BE MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE ADVANCE WORD ON ANY PROPOSALS WHICH LECHIN MAY WISH TO PRESENT FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SEPTEMBER 23 MEETING. KISSINGER

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